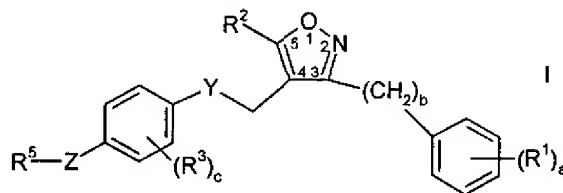


In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 16, 18-19 and 41. Please cancel claims 9, 14 and 15.

Please add new claims 42 and 43.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

a is 1-5;

each R¹ is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, -OR⁶, -S(O)_rR⁶, -NR⁶R⁷, -R⁴OR⁶, -R⁴S(O)_rR⁶, -R⁴NR⁶R⁷ and cyano;

b is 0-3;

R² is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkenyl, -OR⁶, -NR⁶R⁷, -R⁴OR⁶, -R⁴NR⁶R⁷, cyano and nitro;

Y is -O- or -N(R⁸)-;

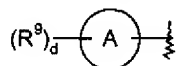
c is 0-4;

each R³ is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, -OR⁶, -COR⁶, -CO₂R⁶, -CH(R⁶)OR⁷, -S(O)_rR⁶, -NR⁶R⁷, -R⁴cycloalkyl, -R⁴OR⁶, -R⁴COR⁶, -R⁴CO₂R⁶, -R⁴S(O)_rR⁶, -R⁴NR⁶R⁷ and cyano;

Z is selected from the group consisting of -O-R⁴-, -R⁴-O-, -S(O)_r-R⁴-, -R⁴-S(O)_r-, -N(R⁸)-R⁴-, -R⁴-N(R⁸)-, -C(O)N(R⁸)-, -C(O)R⁴N(R⁸)-, -S(O)_rN(R⁸)- and -S(O)_rR⁴N(R⁸)-;

each R⁴ is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene and alkenylene;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of R⁶O-, R⁶O₂C-, and



wherein Ring A is aryl or a 5-12 membered heterocycle or heteroaryl;

d is 0-4;

each R^9 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, $-OR^6$, $-COR^6$, $-CO_2R^6$, $-CH(R^6)OR^7$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4$ cycloalkyl, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4COR^6$, $-R^4CO_2R^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$, cyano, 5-9 membered heterocycle and 5-9 membered heteroaryl;

each R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkenyl;

R^8 is H or alkyl; and

each f is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of 0, 1 and 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate ~~or physiologically functional derivative~~ thereof.

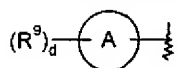
2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein a is 1-2.
3. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein each R^1 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo and $-OR^6$.
4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein b is 0 or 1.
5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl.
6. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is $-O-$.
7. (Previously Presented) The compound according claim 1, wherein c is 0-2.

8. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein each R^3 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo and alkyl.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^8 is H or methyl.

11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^5 is selected from the group consisting of R^6O_2C- , and



12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^5 is and Ring A is phenyl or furan.

13. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

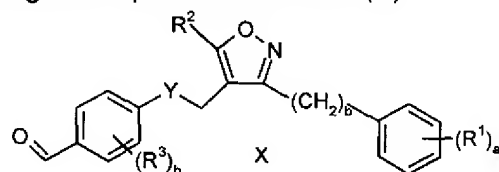
14. (Cancelled)

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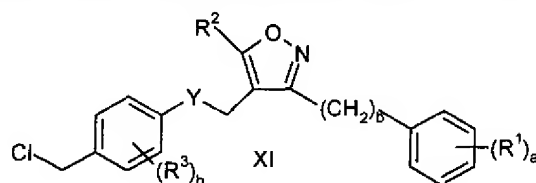
16. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment ~~or prophylaxis~~ of cardiovascular disease in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein said cardiovascular disease is selected from atherosclerosis and hypercholesterolemia.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment ~~or prophylaxis~~ of cholestatic liver disease in a subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
19. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment ~~or prophylaxis~~ of organ fibrosis in a subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
20. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing HDL cholesterol in a subject, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
21. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering triglycerides in a subject, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
22. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1, said process comprising the steps of:
- a) reducing a compound of formula (X):

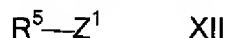


followed by chlorination to prepare a compound of formula (XI):



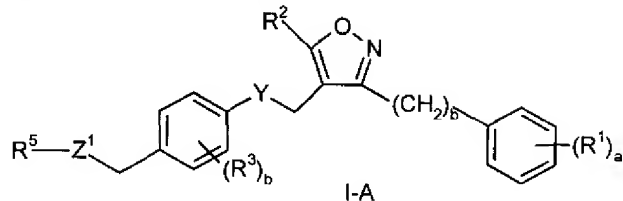
and

- b) reacting the compound of formula (XI) with a compound of formula (XII):



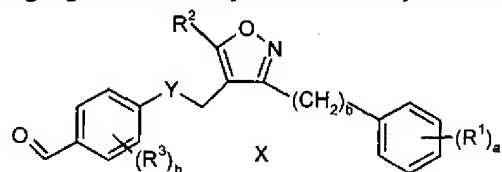
wherein Z^1 is -O-, -S(O)_r- or -N(R⁸)-;

to prepare a compound of formula (I-A):

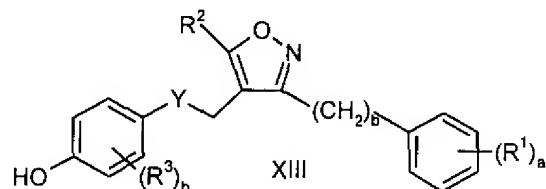


23. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1, said process comprising the steps of:

a) rearranging the carbonyl functionality of the compound of formula (X):

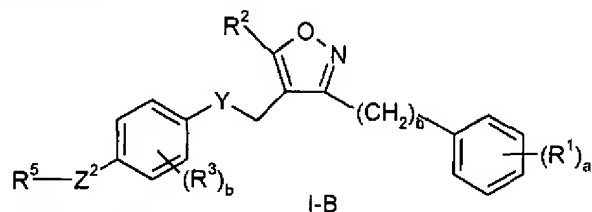


followed by hydrolysis to prepare a compound of formula (XIII):



and

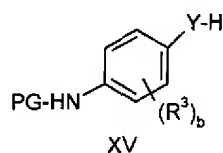
b) reacting the compound of formula (XIII) with a suitable electrophile to prepare a compound of formula (I-B):



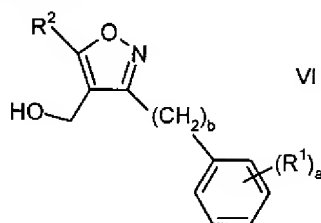
wherein Z² is -R⁴-O-.

24. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1, said process comprising the steps of:

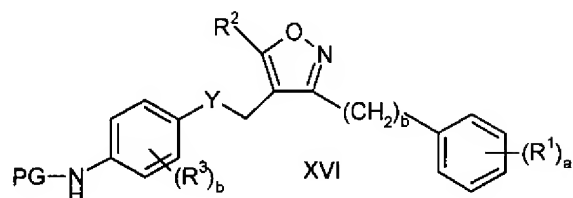
a) reacting a protected compound of formula (XV):



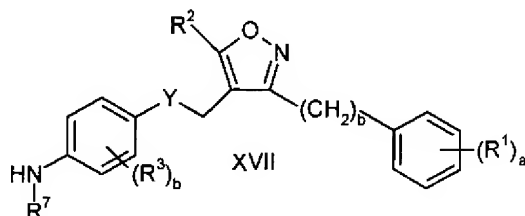
wherein PG is a protecting group;
with a compound of formula (VI):



to prepare a compound of formula (XVI):

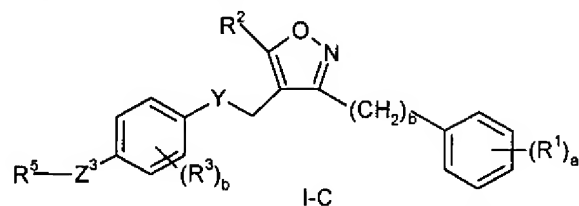


b) optionally alkylating the compound of formula (XVI), followed by deprotecting the compound of formula (XVI) to prepare a compound of formula (XVII):



and

c) reacting the compound of formula (XVII) with a suitable electrophile to prepare a compound of formula (I-C):



wherein Z³ is selected from the group consisting of -R⁴-O-, -R⁴-S(O)ᵣ-, -R⁴-N(R⁸)-, -CON(R⁸)-, -C(O)R⁴N(R⁸)-, -S(O)ᵣN(R⁸)- and -S(O)ᵣR⁴N(R⁸)-.

25-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from:

- 3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-(methylamino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoate;
- 3-[(2-Chloro-4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-phenyl)amino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- 5-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]-2-furoic acid;
- 4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 2-[(4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]-3-furoate;
- N*-(2,1,3-Benzoxadiazol-5-ylmethyl)-4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-*N*,2-dimethylaniline;
- N*-(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-*N*-(4-(1,2,3-thiadiazol-4-yl)benzyl)amine;
- 4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzonitrile;
- 2-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]-3-furoic acid;
- {3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]phenyl}methanol;
- {4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]phenyl}methanol;
- 3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[(4-{[5-Isopropyl-3-(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)isoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-(methylamino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorobenzyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;

- 3-[[4-[[3-(2-Chlorobenzyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-(methyl)-amino]methyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[4-[[5-Cyclopropyl-3-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- 5-[[4-[[5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]-2-furoic acid;
- 4-[[4-[[5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[4-[[5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 5-[[4-[[5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]-2-furoate;
- Methyl 4-[[4-[[5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)methyl]benzoate;
- 4-[[2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)-amino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 3-[(2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy)-anilino]carbonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 4-[(2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy)-anilino]carbonyl]benzoate;
- 3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-methylanilino)-carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-methylanilino)-carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy)-anilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy}-2-dimethylanilino)carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy)-methylanilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 4-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-4-isoxazolyl]methoxy)-methylanilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;

- 3-[[4-({5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}methoxy)-2-dimethylanilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[4-({5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}methoxy)-2-methylanilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[2-Chloro-4-({5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}-methoxy)methylanilino]carbonyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-2-methylphenyl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-2-methylphenyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]-amino]-sulfonyl]benzoate;
- 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-2-methylphenyl]-amino]sulfonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-sulfonyl]benzoic acid;
- Methyl 3-[[[2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-phenyl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]- (methyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-phenyl](ethyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-2-methyl-phenyl](ethyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- Methyl 3-[[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]- (ethyl)-amino]sulfonyl]benzoate;
- 3-[[[2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]- amino]sulfonyl]benzoic acid;
- 3-[[[2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]- (methyl)amino]sulfonyl]benzoic acid;

3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-(methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)(methyl)-amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

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3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)(ethyl)-amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

Methyl 4-[[2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-phenyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoate;

Methyl 4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoate;

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Methyl 4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)-(methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoate;

Methyl 4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)-(ethyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoate;

4-[[2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)-(methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl)-(methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

4-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl](methyl)-amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

4-[[2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}phenyl)-(ethyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

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3-([4-([5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]isoxazol-4-yl]methoxy)-2-methyl-phenyl]amino)sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

Methyl 3-[[2-chloro-4-([5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]isoxazol-4-yl]methoxy)phenyl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoate;

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3-[[4-([5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]isoxazol-4-yl]methoxy)-2-methyl-phenyl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

3-[[4-[[3-(2,6-Dichlorobenzyl)-5-ethylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenyl](methyl)-amino]sulfonyl}benzoic acid;

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3-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-benzyl)oxy]-benzoic acid;

3-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-benzyl)thio]-benzoic acid;

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3-{[4-({5-Isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]isoxazol-4-yl}methoxy)-2-methylbenzyl]thio}benzoic acid;

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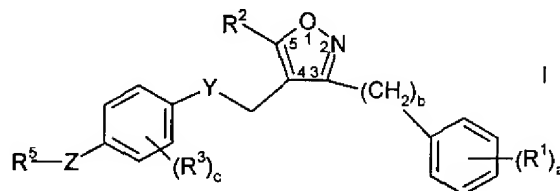
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3-[(2-Chloro-4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}benzyl)-amino]benzoic acid;

Ethyl 3-{[2-chloro-4-({5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl)-methoxy}benzyl]amino}benzoate;

3-[[2-Chloro-4-({5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}methoxy)-benzyl]amino}benzoic acid;
 3-[[2-Chloro-4-({5-isopropyl-3-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}methoxy)-benzyl](methyl)amino]benzoic acid;
 Methyl 4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenoxy)methyl]benzoate;
 Methyl 3-[(2-chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]-phenoxy)methyl]benzoate;
 Methyl 3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenoxy)methyl]benzoate;
 3-[(2-Chloro-4-[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy]phenoxy)-methyl]benzoic acid;
 3-[(4-{[3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenoxy)-methyl]benzoic acid; and
 Methyl 4-[(4-{[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylisoxazol-4-yl]methoxy}-2-methylphenoxy)methyl]benzoate,
 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and solvates ~~and physiologically functional derivatives~~ thereof.

42. (New) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

a is 1-5;

each R^1 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-S(O)_tR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4S(O)_tR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$ and cyano;

b is 0-3;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$, cyano and nitro;

Y is $-O-$ or $-N(R^8)-$;

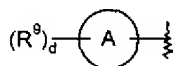
c is 0-4;

each R^3 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-COR^6$, $-CO_2R^6$, $-CH(R^6)OR^7$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4$ cycloalkyl, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4COR^6$, $-R^4CO_2R^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$ and cyano;

Z is $-C(O)N(R^8)-$;

each R^4 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene and alkenylene;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of R^6O_2C- and



wherein Ring A is aryl or a 5-12 membered heterocycle or heteroaryl;

d is 0-4;

each R^9 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, $-OR^6$, $-COR^6$, $-CO_2R^6$, $-CH(R^6)OR^7$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4$ cycloalkyl, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4COR^6$, $-R^4CO_2R^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$, cyano, 5-9 membered heterocycle and 5-9 membered heteroaryl;

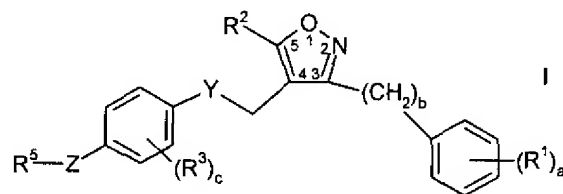
each R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkenyl;

R^8 is H or alkyl; and

each f is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of 0, 1 and 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

43. (New) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

a is 1-5;

each R^1 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$ and cyano;

b is 0-3;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$, cyano and nitro;

Y is $-O-$ or $-N(R^8)-$;

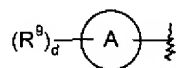
c is 0-4;

each R^3 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, $-OR^6$, $-COR^6$, $-CO_2R^6$, $-CH(R^6)OR^7$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4$ cycloalkyl, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4COR^6$, $-R^4CO_2R^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$ and cyano;

Z is $-R^4-O-$;

each R^4 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene and alkenylene;

R^5 is



wherein Ring A is aryl or a 5-12 membered heterocycle or heteroaryl;

d is 0-4;

each R^9 is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, $-OR^6$, $-COR^6$, $-CO_2R^6$, $-CH(R^6)OR^7$, $-S(O)_fR^6$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-R^4$ cycloalkyl, $-R^4OR^6$, $-R^4COR^6$, $-R^4CO_2R^6$, $-R^4S(O)_fR^6$, $-R^4NR^6R^7$, cyano, 5-9 membered heterocycle and 5-9 membered heteroaryl;

each R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkenyl;

R^8 is H or alkyl; and

each f is the same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of 0, 1 and 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.